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**Patrick Van Wert Named President of Paragon's Reinsurance Practice**

Minneapolis, MN—Paragon, a leading provider of consulting, recovery services and outsource solutions to the P&C insurance and reinsurance industries, today announced the appointment of Patrick H. Van Wert as President of the company's Reinsurance Practice.

"Mr. Van Wert's leadership skills, proven ability in analyzing market dynamics, understanding customer needs, and mastery of process improvement will enable us to even better service our clients," said Jesper Groenvold, CEO.

Mr. Van Wert joined Paragon from General Electric where he served as a Vice President and General Manager at the company's Commercial Fleet Finance Services. Before joining GE, Mr. Van Wert specialized in developing strategic partnerships for software developers such as Adaytum and nQuire. While at Fortune 500 medical device manufacturer Medtronics, he directed merger and acquisitions. Earlier in his career, he served as national accounts representative for Ceridian Employers Services and as a senior consultant at Andersen Consulting.

Mr. Van Wert earned a BA in Business Administration from Iowa State University and an MBA from Harvard. He holds a Six Sigma certification.

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## **Notes to the Editor**

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